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Terms of Reference for ORE Issuances

1. EPB Notice No. 2-50 directed the undersigned and the Chief, D/Pub, to "prepare a statement of terms of reference covering such publications as a proposed new series of issuances for consideration of the EPB". Although the possibility of a joint approach was raised by me with the Chief, D/Pub, no discussion of the matter has followed. I was informed that D/Pub was drawing up its own proposals in this regard, but have not seen these proposals.

2. D/Tr has recommended on several occasions that consideration be given to a separate series of ORE issuances to cover studies which have a special character distinct from the Estimate type of study. It appears, however, that it is not feasible to draft terms of reference for such a special series until the terms of reference covering the Estimates themselves have been established. To exclude all economic and transportation studies does not seem advisable, as many of these studies are clearly in the Estimates category.

3. It is therefore recommended that consideration first be given to the basic question of whether an arbitrary distinction should be made between the so-called Estimates and the specialized studies, and that the drafting of terms of reference for any special series be postponed until it has been decided that the separation is appropriate and the terms of reference for the estimates themselves have been issued.

Enclosure #2 to EPB Notice 3-50

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